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DANIEL A. JAPUNTICH ET AL.

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action mailed July 5, 2001. Please amend this application as set forth below.

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please add the attached FIG. 8 to this patent application.

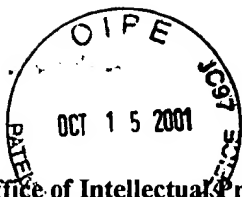
IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 6, line 18, insert the following paragraph:

FIG. 8 is a cross-sectional view of an exhalation valve 14 having a valve cover 50 disposed over the valve seat 26 in accordance with the present invention.

Page 7, line 22, between "exhalation." and the word "As" insert a new sentence:

When a wearer of a filtering face mask 10 exhales, exhaled air passes through the mask body 12 and exhalation valve 14. Comfort is best obtained when a high percentage of the exhaled air passes through exhalation valve 14, as opposed to the filter media of mask body 12. Exhaled



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- ☒ Enclosed is an amendment in the above-identified application.
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Additional fee for filing one or more multiple dependent claims, if no such fee has been previously paid					\$280.00	\$0	
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